METRO / A17

DPWH starts tearing down billboards with oversized ads along Edsa today



NEWS / A2

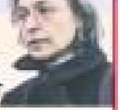
RP to deport wife of Indonesian terrorist suspect

BUSINESS / B1

Asia stocks tumble on A-bomb test

WORLD / A20

$1-M reward to catch Russian journalist's killer



5-yr-old wants to beat US swimmer's record



By Joheo R. Balanbot
Inquirer Visayas

CEBU CITY—AFTER SUCcessfully crossing the Mactan Channel, 5-year-old Justin Daniel Jusio wants to challenge the record set by a

5-YR-OLD / A6

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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

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Town banks on 262 types of red, purple, white rice

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

NEITHER COLORFUL CORALS NOR EXOTIC FISH can be found in the sanctuary nurtured in the town of Bilar, 41 kilometers northeast of Tagbilaran City in Bohol.

Instead, the fifth-class municipality boasts of 262 varieties of rice that come in different shades

TOWN BANKS / A6

NUCLEAR TEST SITE



N. Korea nuclear blast stuns world

US, China condemn new security threat

SEOUL—DEFYING WORLDwide appeals and threats of sanctions, North Korea on Monday boasted it had performed its first-ever nuclear weapons test, which would confirm it had a working atomic bomb as it had long claimed.

Pyongyang said the underground test was carried out successfully "with indigenous wisdom and technology 100 percent," and that no radiation leaked from the test site.

There were conflicting reports on the size of the blast. South Korea said it was relatively small, while Russia said it had been perhaps as powerful as the nuclear bombs the United States dropped on Japan during World War II.

The North Korean announcement sparked condemnation from governments around the world, which said it could seriously destabilize the region. Even North Korea's ally China condemned the move as "brazen."

Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo said the North Korean action posed a threat to regional security. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said the test would mark the beginning of a "dangerous nuclear age" in north Asia.

The United States called for immediate UN Security Council action and, along with Japan, was expected to press for more sanctions on Pyongyang.

If details of the test are confirmed, North Korea would be the ninth country known to have nuclear weapons, along with the United States, Russia, France, China, Britain, India, Pakistan and Israel.

A nuclear North Korea would dramatically alter the strategic balance of power in the Pacific region and seriously undermine global anti-proliferation efforts.

N. KOREA / A6



SOUTH Koreans watch a television broadcast of North Korea's nuclear test at a railway station in Seoul. The writing on-screen reads: "North Korea has performed its first-ever nuclear weapons test." AP

Nuke arms race looms over Asia

SEOUL—THE SPECTER OF AN ASIAN nuclear arms race loomed over the region on Monday after communist North Korea shocked the world by announcing it had conducted its first-ever nuclear test.

Officials from Washington to Seoul were warning of a possible arms race even before North Korea's claim that it had joined the elite club of nuclear powers.

South Korean Vice Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan said a nuclear North Korea could give Japan a "pretext" to go nuclear next, triggering countermoves by suspicious Asian neighbors in a cascade that upends regional security.

"There's no equalizer like the bomb," said Peter Beck, head of the Seoul office of the International Crisis Group think tank. "It's safe to say it will lead to an arms race—will push all the governments in the region to increase defense spending."

Nuclear arms in the hands of Pyongyang

NUKE ARMS / A6

Killer toyed with Bishop Ramento, say probers

By Christian V. Esguerra

"THE KILLER TOYED WITH HIM LIKE A cat playing with a mouse."

This was how lawyer Ben Fernandez, a member of a private fact-finding panel, described yesterday the killing of Aglipayan Bishop Alberto Ramento on Oct. 3.

Citing information gathered by the nine-member panel that looked into the murder, Fernandez said Ramento was initially stabbed twice while asleep in his room at the San Sebastian Parish in Tarlac City.

The killer apparently looked on as the 70-year-old bishop struggled to get help.

After Ramento collapsed near the stairs just outside his room, the killer stabbed him four more times, Fernandez said.

Two other incisions were made on Ramento, one in the neck and other on his ring finger, to make it appear that the victim had struggled, the panel said in a two-page report.

"Clearly, they were made to make the whole thing look (like a) robbery," according to the report. "The neck wound is at least superficial and can be seen as an afterthought or as a flourish by the killer who was ordered to make it look (like a) robbery."

Fernandez said these "sham wounds" suggested that the killer had been "taught what to do."

"The most evil thing was that he really

KILLER / A11

Another Aglipayan priest slain

By Bart Pacate
Inquirer Mindanao

TANDAG, SURIGAO DEL SUR—Barely a week after the murder of a leader of the Aglipayan church, a priest of the congregation was shot and hacked dead as he left his house to perform his usual Sunday service, police said.

Three men wearing bonnets attacked Fr. Dioniso Ginggoy, 51, just outside his house in Bajao in Tago town, said Senior Supt. Alex Gia, the provincial police director.

"The victim was shot four several times and even if he was already dead, the culprits hacked him," Gia said.

The motive for the killing was not immediately known, but Gregg Neil Tolentino, the priest's associate in a small logging business here, said it could be business-related.

Tolentino said the priest owned a four-hectare timberland, which many loggers were interested in.

Chief Supt. Antonio Nanas told The Associated Press the murder might have been prompted by a personal grudge. "It appears the killers hated the priest by the way they killed him," Nanas said.

Surigao del Sur Gov. Vicente Pimentel condemned the killing, saying "this kind of lawlessness

ANOTHER / A11



BOXER Mansueto "Onyok" Velasco carries a Philippine flag on his way to winning an Olympic silver medal in Atlanta. INQUIRER FILE

ROAD TO BEIJING

Winning Olympic gold still an elusive dream

By Manny R. Castillo
(Second of a series)

THE PHILIPPINES HASN'T THE slightest chance of winning a gold in the Beijing Olympics.

It's not going to happen in the summer of 2008, says Michael Keon, director of the hugely successful sports development program called Project: Gintong Alay that fell apart after the fall of Ferdinand Marcos in 1986.

The best and the brightest had gone into Gintong Alay. Had the project continued, there is no doubt the country's elusive dream of winning an Olympic gold would have been realized, according to sports commentators.

"One day, we'll win an Olympic gold medal, just like one day we eventually won the Southeast Asian Games," says Keon, 51.

T-TEAM *Report*
Fernando del Mundo
Chief

But not in Beijing.

World sports powers start preparing for the next quadrennial even before the end of the one they are participating in, possibly even longer as they have pools of talents to tap in practically all sports.

That sort of chest thumping was heard following the Philippines' Southeast Asian Games triumph in December last year.

None of those "boastful claims" generated more excitement among the sports-following throng than the "Focus Sports" concept our leaders said would be actively adhered to.

To date, that focus remains dim.

WINNING / A6



LAPUS: Cheating in Palaro continues.

'A conspiracy of cheaters'

By Volt Contreras

PROTESTS ROCKED THE Palarong Pambansa this year, mainly initiated by parents who saw their adolescent children battling opponents whose winning streak had become as suspicious as their five-o'clock shadows.

One letter-complaint, for instance, told of some "elementary" baseball players from Eastern Visayas. "The

A CONSPIRACY / A6

WEATHER FORECAST

Second FRONTPAGE

NURSING EXAM: TO TAKE OR NOT TO RETAKE

Palace says it's labor dep't's call

IN A COMPLETE TURNAROUND, MALACAÑANG is now leaving it to the Department of Labor and Employment to decide on the fate of the nursing board exams controversy.

Black arm bands

Irresponsible allegations

RP to deport wife of Indon terror suspect



DOJ drops 'rebel' gov't prosecutor

Nicole: I don't think I can ever show my face there (Zamboanga) again



"NICOLE": I just want to go some place where I won't be recognized.

75% OF COST

European printer agrees replace P100 'Arrovo bills'

Realtor scores newspaper ad besmirching his reputation





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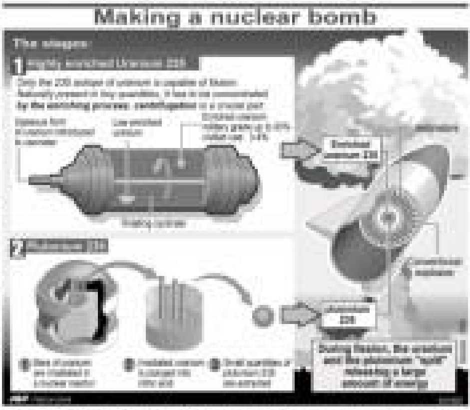
5-yr-old wants to beat US swimmer

Kim Jong-il deepens Pyongyang's isolation

Kim's fears

Military first

N. Korea nuclear blast stuns world



'Great leap forward'

Defying the world

UN action urged

Quiet in Pyongyang

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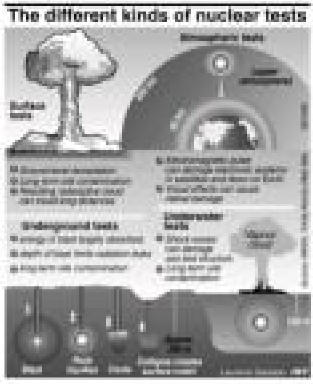


Nuclear missiles

Memories of Hiroshima

Japan's options

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IN THE KNOW

History of nuclear weapons

Congress 'outsources' building of classrooms

Republic of China (Taiwan) Marks 95th National Day Anniversary

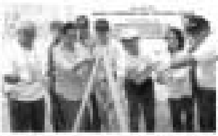


A Glance at Taiwan



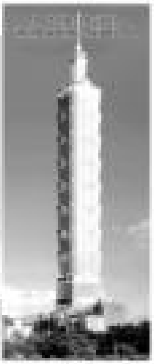


Taiwan- Philippines Relations

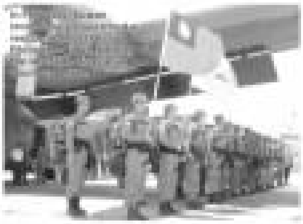




Scenic spot - Yehliu



Taiwan - An Ideal Travel Destination



Message



Winning Olympic gold still an elusive dream

Gold in combat sports!

Band-Aid solution

Enlisting Fil-Ams' help

Basketball mecca

'A conspiracy of cheaters'

'Cheating deeply rooted'

They just want 'honor'

Financial incentives

Community conspiracy

Same shenanigans

Town banks on 262 . . .

Alternatives

Income increases



Government Warning:
Cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health

INQUIRER

OPINION

Death of a bishop

EDITORIAL

THE KILLING OF BISHOP ALBERTO RAMENTO OF the Iglesia Filipina Independiente (IFI) delivers a strong shock to state-church relations.



Powerful impotence

VIEWPOINT

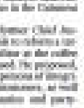
Juan L. Mercado



Cheating

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros



Doing right by the nation

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan



'Bugtaw!'

YOUNG BLOOD

Wealth equals health?

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David



GMA and FVR in Hawaii

COMMENTARY

Belinda A. Aquino

NOTICE TO YOUNGBLOOD CONTRIBUTORS:

Hidalgo and Rosero in the eyes of GMA

LETTERS



YOUNG kids play games at an Internet café.

Proliferation of Internet cafés a bane to young children

Cheating in licensure exams is economic sabotage

Greed behind billboard accidents

WB award nothing to crow about

Word of thanks for Meralco

Killer toyed with Bishop Ramento, say probers



BISHOP Alberto Ramento's grandchildren and daughter keep vigil at their father's wake at the National Cathedral in Manila.

IN THE KNOW

THE AGLIPAYAN CHURCH, officially the Iglesia Filipina Independiente (IFI) or the Philippine Independent Church, ...

Lone assailant

'Haphazard'

Church leaders shocked

RP not safe for critics

Another Aglipayan ...

Across the NATION

Gov't vows relentless hunt for NPAs

THE GOVERNMENT VOWED YESTERDAY TO INtensify counterinsurgency operations after communist guerrillas seriously damaged the construction site of an international airport in a daring weekend raid.



MERCY SPOT

Gov won't act on meddling of pal in city affairs

Meddling

No appearance

Military sends 120 Scout Rangers to pursue Silay attackers

Laguna town sees dip in duck, chicken production

Reduced

Stress



A STUDENT volunteer of the University Student Council of UP Los Baños



STAIN

Gov't wants more time to revive peace talks



MORO ISLAMIC Liberation Front guerrillas ...

ROUNDUP

Bus robbers kill sergeant

Bomb threat grips mall

Court backs expulsion move

Cattle rustlers killed

Girl, 4, stabbed dead

Farmers meet with DAR

P193-M water project ready

Coal mine explosion kills 1, injures 3 in Cebu

VP guest at NHA 31st year ceremony

NEWS

50c/liter weekly cut in gas prices seen

By Abigail L. Ho

Gov't lawyers ready to rest case vs Magdalo rebels



Jailed Chinese banker who fled to RP blames lover

Aplus METRO

Blood donors needed

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DPWH tears down billboards today on Edsa

Oversized ads first to go

[illegible]

8 injured as truck hits jeepney on SLEx

NBI's help asked to probe death of suspect in cameraman's slay

Police officer in shabu case faces raps



ANTINARCOTICS agents search the car of Chief Insp. ...



"BARISTAS" from different Gawad Kalinga sites undergo training at the Bayani Coffee shop at Baseco.

Brewing heroes in GK Baseco

Passenger misses flight because of illegal 'load'

DID YOU KNOW

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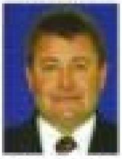
NPA attacks: Failure of intelligence

On Target

Ramon Tulfo



MESSAGE



DOUGLAS HUNT
Executive Director
Europcar Asia Pacific

THE EVOLUTION OF EUROPCAR

REWARDING REASONS TO CHOOSE EUROPCAR

The World



$1-M offer for killer of Russian journalist

MOSCOW—A RUSSIAN NEWSPAPER OFFERED a reward of nearly one million dollars for information on the murder of its award-winning investigative reporter, as the Kremlin remained silent despite worldwide outrage over the killing.

Investigation over Foley focuses on private meeting in his office

WorldBriefs

Iran refuses to suspend atomic work

Georgia president ready to talk to Russia

Castro recovering, not dying —brother Raul

Asia-Pacific warned of warming disaster



WHAT'S INSIDE

■ **Cardinals** trip Padres, forge duel vs Mets/A23

SPORTS

Editor: Teodyvic S. Melendres



Lina steps down as BAP head



LINA: Exhausted all means

THE BALL HAS BECOME TOO HOT TO HANDLE for Joey Lina. He has to pass it off to let the simmering basketball heat cool down.





Lina steps down as basketball association head

Bombers stun Tigers; Lancers best Falcons

By Jasmine W. Payo



Pido joins SMB coaching staff



PBL Rookie Camp deadline today; age limit set at 26

Bata Reyes still at the top of his game

By Marc Anthony Reyes



RP Asiad team needs 'ninongs'

Clean Living

Manolo R. Iñigo



Sportswatch

Karters Turalba, Orduña vying in Italy tilt



Ochoa wins, keeps Player of the Year bid going

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LORENA OCHOA: A very special day

Love breaks title drought

[illegible]



THE St. Louis Cardinals celebrate after beating the San Diego Padres.

Cardinals trip Padres, forge duel vs Mets

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Canlubang Am begins Oct. 17

[illegible]

Tigers-A's ALCS series up tomorrow

[illegible]

Ateneo de Naga golf meet reset

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GDAP names Razon top 2006 personality

[illegible]



FUTURE BASKETBALL: [illegible]

Motorcycle racer dies after crash

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FILIPINO CONQUEROR: [illegible]

Parker powers Spurs past Maccabi

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SPORTS

RP archers bag World Cup bronze



IM Gonzales settles for 2nd in Mallorca

Japanese tops RP 9-Ball elims

KDJM Stakes races at SLLP Sunday

Provided by NewspaperDirect

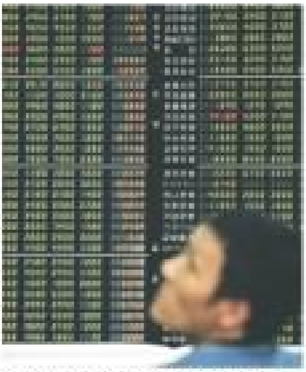
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- Net group in P5-B building frenzy

BUSINESS

Asian stocks tumble after N. Korea nuke test



Geopolitical tensions to dictate direction of financial markets

ASIAN STOCKS TUMBLED YESTERDAY AFTER NORTH KOREA defied international pressure and announced it had conducted a nuclear test, realizing the region's worst fears, dealers said.

Currencies



'Hot money' inflows seen hitting $2.1B

91-day treasury bill rate inches up to 5.473%

Slowdown on Wall Street

MR. BEARBULL

Ron Nathan

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'Hot money' inflows seen hitting $2.1B

Convergys president in Manila

FDC warns of water monopoly

By [illegible]

THE FREEDOM FROM DEBT COALITION yesterday warned of a possible monopoly in water distribution within Metro Manila.

FDC raised the warning after Manila Water Corp., the Ayala-controlled firm serving the metro's east zone, was allowed to join the bidding for the west zone, which used to be served by the Lopez group's Maynilad Water Services Inc.

FDC president [illegible] said it would be a "[illegible]" if Manila Water manages to clinch the deal.



BUSINESS

Net group in ₱5-B building frenzy

Firm rushes BPO establishments to meet rising demand



PPA to set aside ₱60M for port security

Fries manipulation

BREAKTIME



Conrado R. Banal III

DA seeks help to curb smuggling

Customs seen to miss Sept. collection target

LIFESTYLE

MONDAY ARTS & BOOKS • TUESDAY FITNESS • WEDNESDAY 2BU • THURSDAY FOOD • FRIDAY FASHION & BEAUTY

Breathing exercises to relieve stress

WELL AND GOOD



Deep belly or diaphragmatic breathing calms your nervous system

Belly breathing

Ujjayi breathing

Alternate-nostril breathing

Easy version

EXERCISE OF THE WEEK

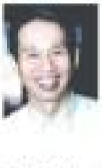
Pole side stretch

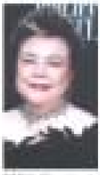








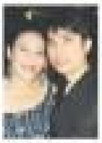














Tittle-tattling in Iloilo









WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

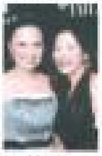


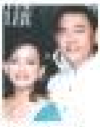
Manila gang

Excellent spread



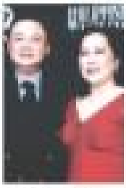


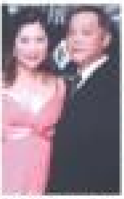
















Teaching meditation in the land of its birth

INNER AWARENESS



Modernizing

Cheap books

Fascinating

Learning about proper nutrition the fun way



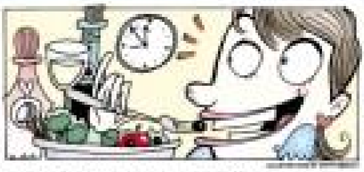
YOUTHFUL

13 secrets to weight loss

Inside Out

Cory Quirino





Killers In Your Home: What You Can Do

ENTERTAINMENT



Direk Joey terrorizes 'PDA' scholars

And opens a media center for aspiring scriptwriters

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

Who is Regine's mysterious beau?



DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Anne Carvajal

G goes international

Triangle angle

Abnormal ratings?

Pinoy animation

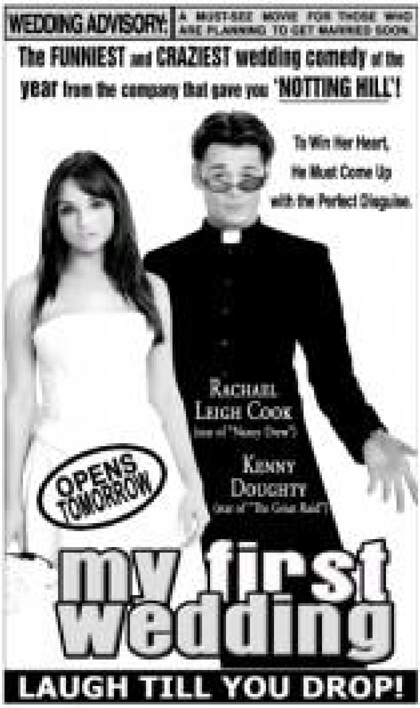
Heroism in the wild, blue yonder

VIEWFINDER

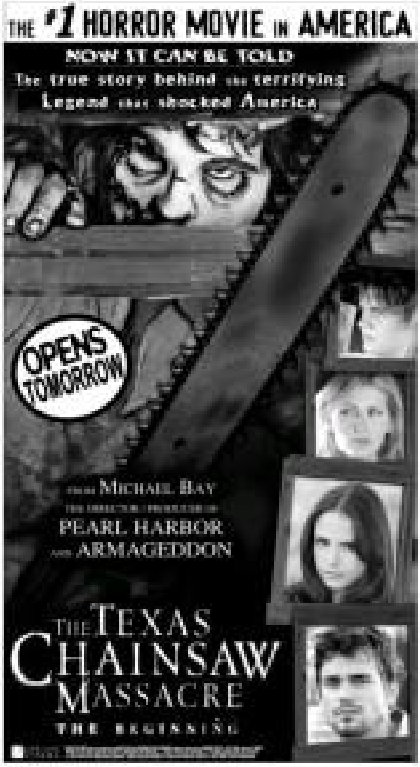
Nestor U. Torre











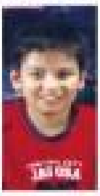
New 'Sine'skwela' kid

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Kid Fit

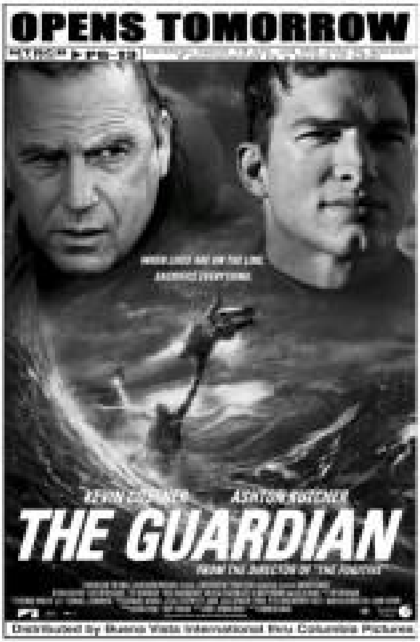
"Bob the Builder"

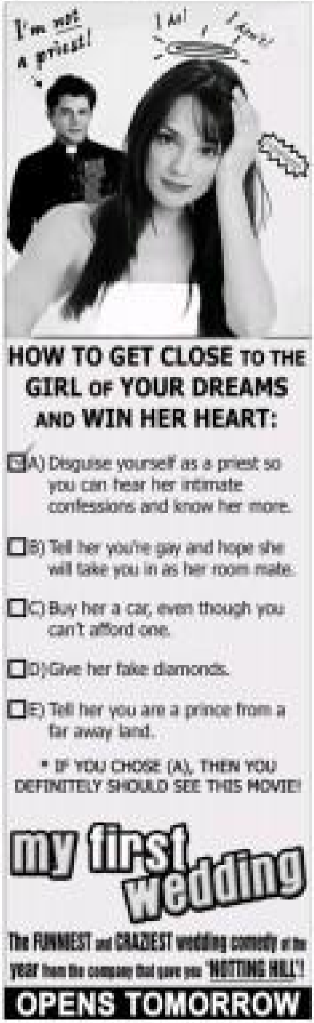
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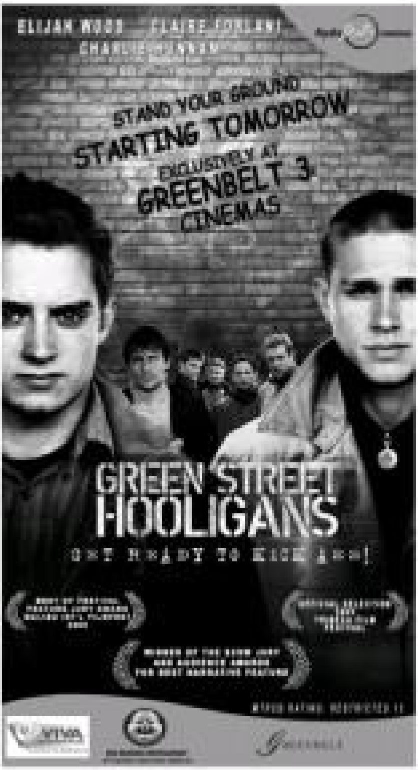


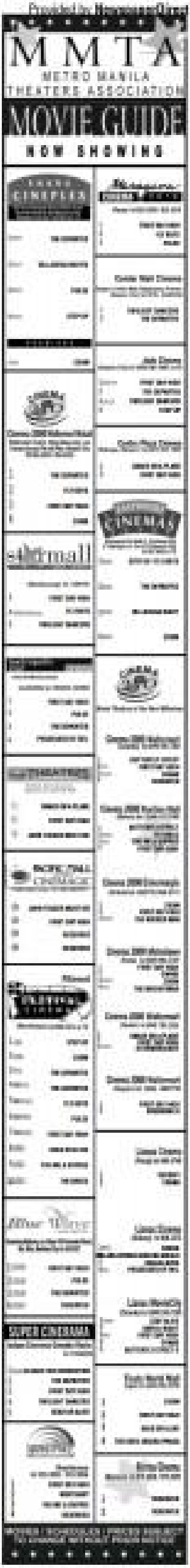
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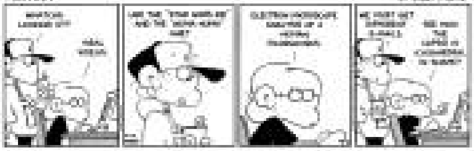


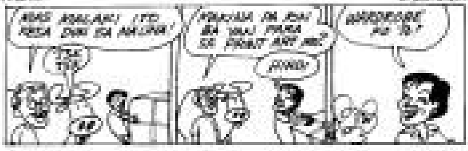








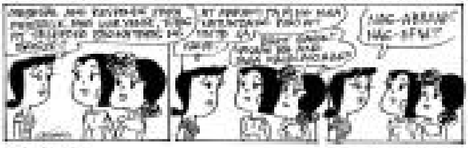
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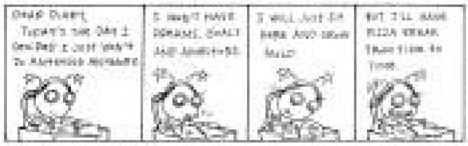
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Baby Blues

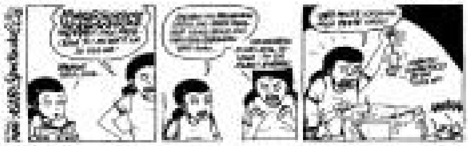

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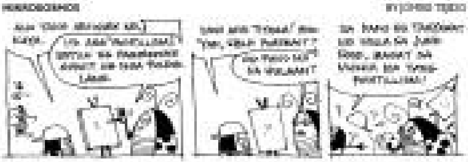

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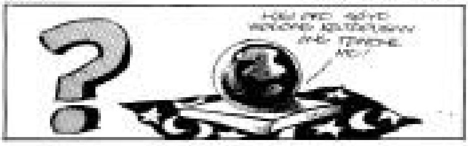



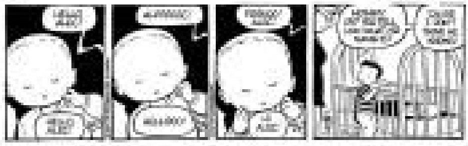


Divine Comedy

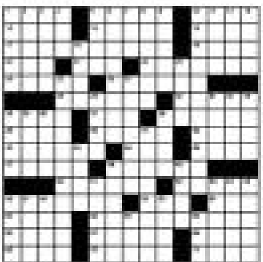









Daily Crossword



Horoscope

Conceptis Sudoku

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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	4						2	
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	7		5	8			6	
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